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SUBJECT: STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE QUIRINALE PRESS OFFICE,
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1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF SUBJECT STATEMENT:

QUOTE: PRESIDENT LEONE RECEIVED SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY
KISSINGER AT THE QUIRINALE PALACE TODAY.

ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ALDO MORO ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE
TALKS, WHICH WERE DESCRIBED AS PARTICULARLY CORDIAL.

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE RECENT TALKS IN WASHINGTON AND IN THE
CONTEXT OF THE CLOSE RAPPORT WHICH UNITES THE TWO NATIONS AS
FRIENDS AND ALLIED, IT WAS AGAIN RE-EMPHASIZED THAT THE PRINCIPAL
OBJECTIVE WHICH INSPIRES THE POLICIES OF THE COUNTRIES IS THE
CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE, THE SETTLING OF THE CAUSES OF CONFLICT
AND TENSION, AND THE JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS WHICH
UPSET THE WORLD'S BALANCE AND IMPEDE THE PROGRESS OF PEOPLES.

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THE AMERICAN SIDE REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONTRIBUTION

ITALY CAN MAKE TOWARD THESE ENDS AND NOTED THAT ITALY CONSTITUTES AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR FOR STABILITY AND EQUILIBRIUM IN EUROPE AND IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGIONS, AND FURTHER REAFFIRMED AMERICA'S DETERMINATION TO LEND ITALY MAXIMUM SUPPORT FOR ITS ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE REPORTED ON THE RESULTS OF HIS RECENT TRAVELS.

MUTUAL INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED THAT THE PROCESS OF DETENTE AND EAST-WEST COOPERATION IN EUROPE AND IN THE WORLD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND BE CONSOLIDATED. IT WAS HOPED THAT UPCOMING EVENTS, INCLUDING THE WINTER SESSION OF THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL AND THE EUROPEAN SUMMIT, WOULD RESPECTIVELY GIVE FURTHER IMPETUS TO ATLANTIC SOLIDARITY AND TO THE PROCESS OF THE INTEGRATION OF WESTER EUROPE IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE, SECURITY AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS.

PARTICULAR ATTENTION WAS ALSO DEVOTED TO THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION WHICH CONTINUES TO BE A MATTER OF CONCERN AND REQUIRES THEREFORE THE GREATEST EFFORTS OF ALL UNTIL THE REGION FINDS A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT. THE PROBLEM OF CYPRUS WAS THEN BRIEFLY EXAMINED. THE ENERGY PROBLEM AND THE MOST SUITABLE WAYS TO REACH POSITIVE SOLUTIONS AGREEABLE TO THE FUNDAMENTAL INTERESTS OF OUR COUNTRIES WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

FINALLY IT WAS HOPED THAT EFFORTS FOR BETTER DISTRIBUTION IN THE WORLD OF NATURAL RESOURCES, THROUGH TECHNOLOGY AND FINANCIAL MEANS, WOULD MEET WITH SUCCESS. IN THIS REGARD BOTH PARTIES UNDERScoreD THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE WHICH OPENS TOMORROW UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UN AND HAS A MISSION OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE. UNQUOTE.KISSINGER

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